Accounts relating to Bearing Letters.

105. **MR. C. P. TARAKAN** (*Kunnathad*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether accounts showing the number of bearing letters received in, and delivered from, each Anchal Office, their weight and the amount of postage charged, which will enable the detection of misappropriation of money that may result, are now properly maintained in those offices?

MR. N. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government on other duty*): Accounts, showing the number of bearing letters received in and delivered from each Anchal office and the amounts of excess charged on them, are maintained in all Anchal offices. Weights of the articles are not separately shown.

The British Empire Exhibition.

106. **MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI** (*Commerce and Industry, South*) Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the auditing of the accounts in connection with the British Empire Exhibition has been completed, and, if so, when they will be placed before the House;

(*b*) whether Travancore has been consulted with regard to the participation in the Exhibition this year; and

(*c*) whether the Government propose to consult the Legislative Council before agreeing to take part in it?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) The answer to the first part is in the negative. The second part does not therefore arise.

(*b*) Government were consulted in regard to the participation this year and they decided not to participate.

(*c*) As this year's exhibition closed on the 31st of October, the question does not arise.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): With reference to the answer to part (*a*), may I know when the officer deputed in charge of the British Empire Exhibition submitted his accounts for auditing?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): There is no information available at present as to the exact date.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): May I know whether the auditing will be completed at least by the end of the year 1101?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): The auditing is proceeding. No exact time within which it would be finished could be fixed now.

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